Use of enzymes in the treatment of patients

2449. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of enzymes are needed for treatment of patients and if so details thereof;

(b) whether these are produced in the country and if not, value of imports of each during the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any plan for their manufacture in the country, if so details of R & D ongoing projects and by when these are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New method for control of diabetes

2450. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diabetes has now been controlled through research and treatment by the Doctors in AIIMS and if so, full details of the prevention and treatment methods;

(b) whether the treatment/prevention techniques have been popularised and whether these are a part of medical curriculum throughout the country; and

(c) what is the estimated number of diabetics of different categories in the country as on 1.5.85, 1.1.86 and 1.1.87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Anti T.B. drugs

2451. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cheap, effective and safe medicines are not available in the market for treatment of tuberculosis and instead costly medicines having severe side effects are freely available;

(b) what is the approximate cost of treatment of each drug for this disease and what steps are being taken to provide these at reasonable prices to poor masses;

(c) what are the names of the drugs being marketed in the country for its treatment;

(d) whether it is a fact that the death rate of this disease is very high in our country; and

(e) if so, what was the figure during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Treatment of Tuberculosis is done in combination of two or more drugs and as such cost of treatment with a single drug does not arise. However cost of treatment in drug regimens followed under National TB Programme is enclosed in Statement. (*See* below). Under the programme anti-TB drugs are supplied to all indigent TB patients free of cost.

(c) the commonly used anti TB drugs under the programme and